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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

1. U.S. ELECTION CAMPAIGN: PORTUGUESE MEDIA HAS YET TO ANALYSE THE CANDIDACY OF REPUBLICAN VICE-PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE SEN. ROBERT DOLE IN ANY DEPTH. PREVAILING IMAGE OF HIM IS ONE OF AN EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGNER, AS WAS REFLECTED IN AN AUGUST 20 "JORNAL NOVO" HEADLINE: "A TOUGH-SPEAKING MAN FOR THE VICE-PRESIDENCY". OTHER SALIENT, OFT-REPORTED IMPRESSIONS: HIS BRILLIANT WAR RECORD AND PRESIDENT FORD'S COMMENT THAT DOLE'S PHILOSOPHY "COINCIDES ALMOST EXACTLY" WITH HIS. BOTH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES' AGREEMENT TO DEBATE HAS BEEN HIGHLIGHTED.
2. CARTER ON EUROCOMMUNISM: DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE CARTER'S COMMENTS TO FRENCH WEEKLY "L'EXPRESS" IN WHICH HE DESCRIBED THE RISE OF WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES AS A "THREAT TO PEACE AND SECURITY" DUE TO THEIR "DOUBLE LOYALTY" WAS GIVEN FRONT PAGE TREATMENT BY AUGUST 23 "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS".
3. SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA: THE SOVIET REPRESSION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S "PRAGUE SPRING" AND CONTINUING SOVIET PRESENCE HAS BEEN GIVEN WIDE-SPREAD MEDIA COVERAGE ON THE

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EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERVENTION. ONE HEADLINE:

"SOVIET TANKS GUARANTEE THE SUBMISSION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN PEOPLE"(AUGUST 23 "O DIA"). AN ATTACK ON THE SOVIET MOVE BY ATA, THE ALBANIAN NEWS AGENCY, WHICH FOCUSED ON STEPS TAKEN WITHIN CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO FACILITATE THE OPERATION OF THE SOVIET "OCCUPYING ARMY", HAS BEEN QUOTED IN SEVERAL PAPERS. GERMAN EX-CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT'S SPEECH CONDEMNING THE - EVENT WAS NOTED BY PRESS. AMONG REPORTING ON SOVIET AFFAIRS, THE AUGUST 20 "JORNAL NOVO" BRIEFLY ANALYZED COMPARATIVE STRENGTHS OF U.S. - U.S.S. R. MILITARY FORCES. IN CASE OF TOTAL WAR, SAID THE HEADLINE, "BET ON THE USSR TO WIN".

4. NORTH KOREAN KILLINGS: COVERAGE OF INCIDENTS AFTER NORTH KOREANS KILLED TWO U.S. ARMY OFFICERS CONTINUED TO BE PROMINENT IN PAPERS' INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SECTIONS. COMMENTARY HAS BEEN MINIMAL, MOSTLY CONFINED TO PUBLICATION OF THE COMPETING OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE.
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